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SUBJECT: AMERICAN LIBRARY RENTAL ISSUE

ODCD (ROMANIAN AGENCY FOR RENTAL AND ADMINISTRATION OF DIPLOMATIC PROPERTIES) HAS RAISED ONCE AGAIN THE ISSUE OF RECIPROCITY RE RENTS FOR THE AMERICAN LIBRARY IN BUCHAREST AND THE ROMANIAN LIBRARY IN NEW YORK. ACCORDING TO ODCD, WE AGREED IN 1972 TO MAINTAIN RENTS AT RECIPROCAL LEVELS. WE HAVE STUDIED THE RECORD ON THE RENTAL ISSUE (I.E., LIBRARY UNDERSTANDING, THE LEASE FOR THE AMERICAN LIBRARY, AND COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND THE DEPARTMENT AND USIA) WHICH ARE NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR ON THIS MATTER. IN FJ CASE HAVE WE FOUND SUBSTANTIATION FOR ODCD'S RECIPROCITY CLAIM. WE HAVE QUERIED BOB GEIS IN LENINGRAD, WHO REPORTS HE DOES NOT RECALL THE PRECISE OUTCOME OF THE RECIPROCITY ISSUE. WE HAVE ALSO ASKED USIA TO QUERY AMBASSADOR MEEKER AND ARE AWAITING RESPONSE. WOULD APPRECIATE KEMPTON JENKINS PROVIDING US HIS RECOLLECTION OF HOW THIS ISSUE WAS FINALLY SETTLED. WE SUSPECT IT MAY HAVE BEEN LEFT INTENTIONALLY VAGUE SINCE NEITHER THE UNDERSTANDING NOR LEASE ARE EXPLICIT ON THIS POINT; HOWEVER, WE DO NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT WE MAY HAVE MADE FIRM COMMITMENT ON ISSUE WHICH IS NOT COMPLETELY REFLECTED IN THE RECORD.

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